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          A liquid crystal display device includes a  
first substrate and a second substrate sandwiching a  
liquid crystal layer therebetween, a first polarizer  
5     disposed adjacent to the first substrate at a side  
opposite to a side of the first polarizer facing the  
liquid crystal layer, with a first gap between the  
first polarizer and the first substrate, a second  
polarizer disposed adjacent to the second substrate at  
10    a side opposite to a side of the second polarizer  
facing the liquid crystal layer, with a second gap  
between the second polarizer and the second substrate,  
wherein at least one of the first and second gaps  
includes therein a first retardation film having a  
15    positive optical anisotropy and a second retardation  
film having a negative optical anisotropy, such that  
the first retardation film is disposed closer to the  
liquid crystal layer with respect to the second  
retardation film.

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